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BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DECEMBER 8, 2006

The meeting of the Board of Emergency Medical Services was called to order by Bruce Beins, Chairperson, at 9:02 a.m. The meeting was held at the Staybridge Suites, 2701 North Fletcher Ave, Conference Room, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68521. Copies of the agenda had been sent to board members and other interested parties at least ten days prior to the meeting. Roll was taken and the following members were present:

Ron Balthazor	Shawn Baumgartner
Bruce Beins	Michael Buscher
Joel Cerny	Bob Dunn
Dan Hakel	Ben Lans
Bob Olson	Clint Rasmussen
Val Snyder	

Members Absent: John Doyle, Dave Engler, Earl Rudolph, Tom Surber, Mike Westcott.

Credentialing Staff present were:

Diane Hansmeyer, Section Administrator
Patty Pierson, Credentialing Coordinator
Pam Harris, Credentialing Specialist

Patty Pierson, Credentialing Coordinator, presented the Board with a new reimbursement sheet.

AGENDA

Olson moved to approve the corrected revised agenda. Balthazor seconded.

Discussion: Bruce Beins, Chairperson, stated that he would like to move Item 5(a) before Item 4 due to individuals that are waiting to address the Board. Diane Hansmeyer stated that she would like to add Item 10 (c) Miscellaneous to discuss an email that she had received yesterday regarding changes to advanced airway.

Voting aye: Balthazor, Baumgartner, Beins, Buscher, Cerny, Dunn, Hakel, Lans, Olson, Rasmussen, Snyder. Voting nay: none. Absent: Doyle, Engler, Rudolph, Surber, Westcott. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 19, 2006

Olson moved to approve the amended October 19, 2006, Board of Emergency Medical Services Minutes. Cerny seconded.

Discussion: Bruce Beins stated that he would like to correct the wording that it would take "several hours" to "many hours" of training to allow first responders to transport patients. Beins also wanted to correct the wording of "expectant" standard of care to the "expected" standard of care. Bob Olson stated the word "surrendering" needs to be changed to "surrounding" ambulance services in the area. Bob Dunn pointed out the word "statue" change needed to be changed to "statute" change.

Voting aye: Snyder, Rasmussen, Olson, Lans, Hakel, Dunn, Cerny, Buscher, Beins, Baumgartner, Balthazor. Voting nay: none. Absent: Doyle, Engler, Rudolph, Surber, Westcott. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATIONS

Snyder moved to go into closed session at 9:11 a.m. for the purpose of protecting the reputation of individuals. Dunn seconded. The "Open Meeting" law was posted.

Discussion: none.

Voting aye: Lans, Hakel, Dunn, Cerny, Buscher, Beins, Baumgartner, Balthazor, Snyder, Rasmussen, Olson. Voting nay: none. Absent: Doyle, Engler, Rudolph, Surber, Westcott. Motion carried.

Bruce Beins left the meeting at 9:13 a.m. Returned to closed session at 10:00 a.m.

Michael Buscher left the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Returned to closed session at 10:30 a.m.

Mike Buscher left the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Returned to closed session at 10:44 a.m.

Returned to open session at 10:55 a.m.

Olson moved to issue Amy Marshall and Joshua Marshall probationary certification for two years to practice as certified Emergency Medical Services Instructors with the following conditions: 1. Meet the eighteen hour renewal requirement at the end of their probation; 2. Take a course on the current rule and regulations within six months; 3. Pay the Administrative Penalty. The reason for this probationary certification is based on practicing without an Emergency Medical Service Instructor certification.

Discussion: none.

Voting aye: Balthazor, Baumgartner, Buscher, Cerny, Hakel, Lans, Olson, Rasmussen, Snyder.

Voting nay: Dunn. Abstain: Beins. Absent: Doyle, Engler, Rudolph, Surber, Westcott. Motion carried.

Olson moved to approve the certification applications for Arnold Barrera, Joseph Morris, Jon Weberg, Michael York, Lucas Fischer, and Jason Boyd to practice as certified emergency medical technicians; Scott Berner to practice as a certified first responder; Edward R Walter to practice as a certified emergency medical technician paramedic. Balthazor seconded.

Discussion: none.

Voting aye: Snyder, Rasmussen, Olson, Lans, Hakel, Dunn, Cerny, Buscher, Beins, Baumgartner, Balthazor. Voting nay: none. Absent: Doyle, Engler, Rudolph, Surber, Westcott. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONS REPORTS

Cerny moved to go into closed session at 10:59 a.m. for the purpose of protecting the reputation of individuals and reviewing investigation reports. Buscher seconded.

Discussion: none.

Voting aye: Lans, Hakel, Dunn, Cerny, Buscher, Beins, Baumgartner, Balthazor, Snyder, Rasmussen, Olson. Voting nay: none. Absent: Doyle, Engler, Rudolph, Surber, Westcott. Motion carried.

Returned to open session at 12:19 p.m.

Bruce Beins, Chairperson, stated that Diane Hansmeyer, Section Administrator, had "Certificate of Appreciation" plaques made for John Doyle, David Engler, Earl Rudolph, Dr Rommie Hughes, and Dr. Michael Westcott. Beins stated these members were not reappointed and that their hard work was truly appreciated by this Board.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

SERVICES

The Department has not received an application at this time, therefore, the item was tabled.

TRAINING AGENCIES

Olson moved to approve the Offutt AFB 55th Medical Group Education and Training as an Advanced Training Agency. Snyder seconded.

Discussion: Gary Steele did the site visit. Gary Steele, Training Coordinator, stated that they had everything in order. Offutt AFB is applying so they can become more involved in the community and have their personnel that leave the military become state certified as well as National Registry certified.

Voting aye: Olson, Rasmussen, Snyder, Balthazor, Baumgartner, Beins, Buscher, Cerny, Dunn, Hakel, Lans. Voting nay: none. Absent: Doyle, Engler, Rudolph, Surber, Westcott. Motion carried.

EMS UPDATE

Garry Steele, Training Coordinator, stated that he just completed Central Community College – Lexington Training Agency Inspection. Central Community College – Lexington Training Agency had everything in order. Steele stated that he will be inspecting Lincoln Fire and Central Community College – Hastings Training Agencies in the next week.

Garry Steele, Training Coordinator, and Dr Rice, Physician Medical Director Consultant, are working on the development of a new physician medical director course.

The Nebraska Instructor Society Meeting will be held on March 15, 2007. National Registry will present on the Computer Beta Testing Program.

DISTRIBUTIVE LEARNING / EMS INSTRUCTORS

Baumgartner moved to approve an amendment to TITLE 172 NAC 13 that will allow EMS Instructors to use up to six hours of distributive learning in the subject matter of EMS evaluation methods and principles of adult education as part of the eighteen hours of continuing education required for renewal of the EMS Instructor Certificate. Buscher seconded.

Discussion: Garry Steele, Training Coordinator, stated he had received several requests asking if a course is approved by Continuing Education Coordinating Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS) could be used by EMS Instructors for their continuing education renewal requirement. EMS Instructors must have eighteen hours of continuing education in the subject matter of EMS course curriculum updates, EMS legislation and regulations, EMS evaluation methods, and principles of adult education. The question was asked if the eighteen hours of continuing education is readily available to EMS Instructors. The training agencies are to provide meetings regarding updates and there are two EMS Instructors conferences. The EMS Instructor conferences are held in the spring and fall. An EMS Instructor would have to be available for all meetings and conferences to meet the eighteen hour continuing education renewal requirement. A question was then asked if the CECBEMS approved courses contain the subject matter of the eighteen hour continuing education requirement for EMS Instructor. Steele stated that there are approved CECBEMS courses that contain the required subject matter for EMS Instructors. The Board felt an EMS Instructor could use an approved CECBEMS course in the subject matter of EMS evaluation methods and principles of adult education.

Voting aye: Lans, Hakel, Dunn, Cerny, Buscher, Beins, Baumgartner, Balthazor, Snyder, Rasmussen, Olson. Voting nay: none. Absent: Doyle, Engler, Rudolph, Surber, Westcott. Motion carried.

EMS SERVICE SELF-INSPECTION

Diane Hansmeyer presented for the Board's review a draft copy of TITLE 172 NAC 12, Section 12-007, Compliance Inspections and a draft copy of the Emergency Medical Services Self Inspection Report Form. Hansmeyer explained this is the Section that would address the use of the Emergency Medical Service Self Inspection Report Form. (Attachment A) Hansmeyer sent the draft copies to the Training Agencies and Service Programs Committee for their review. Mike Buscher stated that Omaha Fire will be reviewing the draft copies. Hansmeyer explained that the Emergency Medical Services Self Inspection Report Form lists each regulation number so the service can check for compliance. The form has three protocols. The first protocol is the Equipment, Maintenance, Sanitation, and Inspection Standards. The second protocol would require a service to review a minimum of ten personnel records and it contains the Personnel, Personnel Training, and Records Maintenance Standards. The third protocol is the Medical Direction Standard Section and Patient Care Records. The Medical Direction Standard Section must be completed by the physician medical director. Hansmeyer asked the Board to review the draft copy of Section 12-007 that addresses the requirement of the Emergency Medical Service Self Inspection Report Form. The Emergency Medical Service Self Inspection Report Form would be used by services that are going to renew. This report does not take the place of the audit inspection done at renewal. Bruce Beins, Chairperson, tabled the draft Emergency Medical Services Quality Self Inspection Report Form and the draft copy of TITLE 172 NAC 12, Section 12-007, Compliance Inspections until the next board meeting to give the Board time to review these two items and make any needed changes.

ULL REWRITE

Baumgartner moved to reaffirm the mail ballots for the new language in the ULL Rewrite changing the physician member requirements from three physician members with one board-certified surgeon and one board-certified emergency physician to three physician members with at least one board-certified emergency physician. Olson seconded.

Discussion: Hansmeyer presented a copy of the new language in the ULL Rewrite that will change the requirement of the physician members for the Board. (Attachment B). The previous language required that at least one of the three physician members had to be a board certified surgeon and one had to be board-certified emergency physician. However, it has been difficult to find and keep the board-certified surgeon due to the surgeon's schedule. This was a late agenda

item discussion at the October board meeting. The Board had lost their quorum. It was decided for the Department to do a mail ballot to see if the Board agreed to have the physician member's requirement changed to three qualified physicians actively involved in emergency medical care with one of the physician members be a board-certified emergency physician. The new language would still allow a board certified surgeon to be appointed when a surgeon expresses interest. The mail ballots approved this change and the motion was carried.

Voting aye: Balthazor, Baumgartner, Beins, Buscher, Cerny, Dunn, Hakel, Lans Olson, Rasmussen, Snyder. Voting nay: none. Absent: Doyle, Engler, Rudolph, Surber, Westcott. Motion carried.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

PATIENT CARE RECORDS-12-003.04 ITEMS 23 & 24 (ADULT/PEDIATRIC GLASGOW COMA AND TRAUMA SCALES).

Shawn Baumgartner stated that Gary Steele, Training Coordinator, has written a letter to training agencies asking them to cover the Adult/Pediatric Glasgow Coma and Trauma Scales since the scales are required data sets in the current rule and regulations but are not a part of the DOT curriculum. Baumgartner suggested waiting for any further amendments to the out-of-hospital emergency care provider's practice and procedures due to the new National EMS Scope of Practice that will be implemented in the near future.

INTERMEDIATE-99 TRANSPORT/MONITOR PATIENT WITH A NITROPAST ALREADY APPLIED

Shawn Baumgartner was asked if a nitropast was already applied to a patient could an EMT-Intermediate transport that patient. The Board stated that it is part of patient assessment and part of monitoring a patient with no need to make any amendments to the Intermediate's practice and procedures at this time.

ADVANCED AIRWAY CURRICULUM

Baumgartner moved to utilize the advance airway curriculum as currently used with the correction of the combi-tube size and age in the curriculum to be consistent with the state guidelines. Buscher seconded.

Discussion: Diane Hansmeyer stated that she had received an email regarding the current advanced airway curriculum. The current advanced airway curriculum contains instruction on extubation. Gary Steele, Training Coordinator, explained that extubation is not part of the emergency medical technician practice and procedures. Steele had made the correction of removing extubation and nasogastric depression of stomach from the advanced airway curriculum due to those two items not listed specific in the emergency medical technician practice and procedures. The emergency medical technician's practice and procedures states "Utilize advanced airway management devices". The Board decided to leave the advanced airway curriculum as is because this issue will be coming up again when reviewing the new National EMS Scope of Practice within the next year. The physician medical director can put limits on what he feels is appropriate for his service. Steele asked if the Board would like for him to make the correction for combi-tube by size, 5'.0" in the curriculum to 5' 2" in state protocols to be consistent. The Board felt the combi-tube size and age should be consistent in the curriculum and state protocols.

Voting aye: Olson, Rasmussen, Snyder, Lans, Hakel, Dunn, Cerny, Buscher, Beins, Baumgartner, Balthazor. Voting nay: none. Absent: Doyle, Engler, Rudolph, Surber, Westcott. Motion carried.

RENEWAL CONTINUING EDUCATION HOUR WAIVERS

Buscher moved to approve the military waiver for James R Anderson. Cerny seconded.

Discussion: Diane Hansmeyer stated that the Department received a request for a military waiver of nine hours from James R. Anderson. Mr. Anderson is a certified emergency medical technician and lacked nine hours from having completed the full thirty hours because of serving in the military. He had enclosed his military forms along with his emergency medical technician renewal notice.

Voting aye: Balthazor, Baumgartner, Beins, Buscher, Cerny, Dunn, Hakel, Lans, Olson, Rasmussen, Snyder. Voting nay: none. Absent: Doyle, Engler, Rudolph, Surber, Westcott. Motion carried.

TASK FORCE COMMITTEE

Bruce Beins, Chairperson, introduced Senator's Floods Aid, Denise Pierce, to the Board. He "Welcomed" Ms. Pierce to the board meeting.

Shawn Baumgartner, Chairperson of Task Force Committee, presented a draft copy of the "Goals" and "Objectives" of the Task Force Committee. (Attachment C). Baumgartner stated the Task Force goal is to be compliant with the EMS Act and the charge of the EMS Board is for the protection of the citizens of Nebraska. There will be three members from each association on the Task Force. The Task Force will be looking at recruitment/retention issues, training issues, minimum staffing for ambulance services and also come up with creative solutions that may or may not require legislative changes. Baumgartner stated he hopes to hold a meeting in the near future and will present an update at the next board meeting.

NURSE'S SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE

The Nurse's List of Scope of Practice for physician medical directors to utilize for nurses on ambulance services was going to be presented to the Nurse's Board for their review. This step has not been completed. Beins tabled this issue until the next board meeting when he will appoint a new Chairperson.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Buscher moved that Shawn Baumgartner be the Board's representative at the EMS Winter and Spring conferences to begin providing information and receiving input from out-of-hospital emergency care providers on the National EMS Scope of Practice. Snyder seconded.

Discussion: Shawn Baumgartner stated the final National EMS Scope of Practice is on the internet for review. There are four levels of responders. Those levels are: 1. Emergency Medical Responder; 2. Emergency Medical Technician; 3. Advanced Emergency Medical Technician; 4. Paramedics. There essentially is no change to the first responder and emergency medical technician scope of practice on the National DOT level. There is a sufficient change to the emergency medical technician intermediate scope of practice. The combi-tube or some sort of non-visualized airway and five kinds of medications are a part of the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Scope of Practice. The use of I/V, manual interruptions of cardiac rhythms, manual defibrillation, and synchronized cardioversion is only authorized at the EMT-Paramedic level.

The next item that comes from the National EMS Scope of Practices is the Educational Guidelines. There will no longer be a DOT curriculum. Once the Education Guidelines are in place, they essentially become the scope of practice.

The Scope of Practice Committee will bring back to the Board ideas and suggestions as to where the Board may want to go.

Shawn Baumgartner stated that he would like to speak with the Board's permission at the Instructor's Conference in March. Baumgartner is on the Instructor's Conference Agenda. Baumgartner stated that he will give a forty-five minute presentation and hopes to receive input from the instructors. He further stated that one of the things the Board will need to decide is if they want to stay consistent with the National Education Guidelines. If the Board does, then the Board will need to determine what changes are going to be needed at the State of Nebraska level. There is going to be a need for input from the out-of-hospital emergency care providers.

Shawn Baumgartner stated with the Board's permission he would like to attend the EMS winter and spring conferences as a Board representative in the EMS Programs' booth. The draft copy of the guidelines for emergency medical technician and paramedics are going to be available sometime in February. The draft copy of the guidelines for emergency medical responders and advance emergency medical technicians are going to be available sometime in May. A final copy of the National Education Guidelines is scheduled for 2008'.

As far as National Registry is concerned their examinations will be written towards the National Education Guidelines. It was pointed out that the additional modules are not currently a part of the National Registry Examinations. National Registry will continue to have EMT-I 99 credential examinations for a period of time.

The question was asked if the scope of practice for out-of-hospital-emergency care providers can be changed since they have had training to perform a specific scope of practice. Diane Hansmeyer explained that the EMS Statutes states the Board can determine the scope of practice. The EMS Statutes allows the Board to place scope of practices in the rule and regulations. Hansmeyer stated that she will need to have further discussion on this issue with the Department's legal staff.

Voting aye: Balthazor, Beins, Buscher, Cerny, Dunn, Hakel, Lans, Olson, Rasmussen, Snyder. Voting nay: none. Abstain: Baumgartner. Absent: Doyle, Engler, Rudolph, Surber, Westcott. Motion carried.

Ben Lans left the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

OUT-OF-HOSPITAL PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

SELF-MEDICATION PUMPS

After some discussion, the Board felt that if out-hospital-emergency care providers are not administering drugs when they are assisting a patient there would not be a need to add self-medication pumps to the scope of practice. It was suggested that there may be a need for training in removing/assisting the self-medication pump by the out-of-hospital emergency medical care providers. It was also suggested that information regarding the self-medication pumps could be placed in the general principles section of the model protocols. Shawn Baumgartner volunteered to do further research on this issue and bring back recommendations to the Board.

MARC 1 KITS

The Marc 1 Kits are going out into communities as part of Homeland Security. The Marc 1 Kit contains three kinds of drugs. The Board did not have a problem with the self-administration of the Marc 1 Kit. It was felt the Marc 1 Kits become a problem when an out-hospital-emergency care provider gives the Marc 1 Kits to the public in the event of emergency response.

Basic Life Support Services would not be able to carry the drugs. The question was asked if the physician medical director of the Basic Life Support Service wrote a prescription for their service's personnel could they at that point carry the Marc 1 Kits for their personnel's protection. It was felt this could be a possibility; however, they would have to make sure they have a prescription for each of their personnel at the pharmacy. The personnel would have to remember to bring the Marc 1 Kits with them in case of an emergency response.

The question was asked if an emergency response person for example law enforcement or fire fighter who is trained could use the Marc 1 Kits. It was explained that the Homeland Security definition states any person with emergency training such as EMT, Paramedic, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, RN, MD, Public Health or any other responders recognized by Homeland Security or anyone as defined by Nebraska Statute 71-507 may carry a Marc 1 Kit. The problem happens when EMS services carry the Marc 1 Kits.

After some discussion, the Board agreed to figure out a way for the use of Marc 1 Kits. Bruce Beins, Chairperson, assigned this issue back to the Out-of-Hospital Personnel Committee to look at an amendment to the current rule and regulations for allowing administration of Marc 1 Kits by EMTs, Intermediates, and Paramedics.

Beins stated that several members of the Out-of-Hospital Personnel Committee are no longer on the Board. He will put together a new committee list and send it out before the next board meeting.

TRAINING AGENCIES AND SERVICE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

SERVICE'S BACK UP RESPONSE PLAN

The Training Agencies and Service Programs Committee was going to review TITLE 172 NAC 12, Emergency Medical Services, to see if there could be some kind of amendment made to the current rule and regulations for a service's backup response plan to be more specific. There is nothing new at this time.

REVIEW ISSUE OF INSTRUCTORS TEACHING OUTSIDE OF THE CURRICULUM

The Training Agencies and Service Programs Committee was going to review TITLE 172 NAC 13, Training Agencies, to see if there could be some kind of amendment made to the current rule and regulations to hold training agencies responsible for instructors teaching outside the curriculum. There is nothing new at this time.

NON-STATE REGULATORY COMMITTEE

There is nothing new at this time.

407 REVIEW / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Bruce Beins, Chairperson, stated that Senator Flood still has interest in the first responder issue. Beins has communicated with Senator Flood's office and has met Senator Flood's new aid. He anticipates the first responder bill will be introduced during the legislative session.

Diane Hansmeyer, Section Administrator, stated the Uniform Licensing Law Rewrite is scheduled to be introduced during the legislative session. Hansmeyer stated that the language for the requirement of the physician for the Board of Emergency Medical Services has been changed. She further stated that the Board voted to support the Uniform Licensing Law Rewrite except for the two year renewal requirement. The two year renewal requirement is in the bill that is being introduced. The Uniform Licensing Law Rewrite bill has the Governor's approval to move forward.

PROTOCOLS / NARSIS COMMITTEE

Hakel moved to reaffirm the mail ballots for approving the 2006 model protocols. Balthazor seconded.

Discussion: There were a few typos that need to be corrected. Diane Hansmeyer, Section Administrator, stated that she will make the corrections. If there was a correction made that changed the substance of what is written, she would email those to the Board before a final copy was placed on the web site. The Department will send a letter to each service stating that a service can retrieve the updated model protocols on the web site or by contacting the state office. Voting aye: Snyder, Rasmussen, Olson, Hakel, Dunn, Cerny, Buscher, Beins, Baumgartner, Balthazor. Voting nay: none. Absent: Doyle, Engler, Lans, Rudolph, Surber, Westcott. Motion carried.

REAFFIRMATION OF MAIL BALLOTS

Olson moved to reaffirm the mail ballots to approve certification for Jacob Ebeling, Arch Spencer, Jr., and Alvin J. Morahan to practice as certified emergency medical technician-paramedics; Shawna L. Bigham, Scott T. Brogren, Leslie A. Christensen, Tiffany Sue Christiansen, Brandon Focher, Michael J. Howell, Ruth M. Huckleberry, Brian C. Kaiser, Brandon T. Krajeski, Drew A. Lange, Thomas Scott Lyons, Louis S. Morley, Gary Myers, Mark M. Roeber, Karmen L. Rotherham, Rene Vazquez, Erin Elizabeth Vrba, Michael D. Wellman, Trevor Brown, Jeffery M. Burger, Brian K. Demery, Adam J. Kuhn, Michael B. Layher, Matthew R. Meyer, Nathan R. Moerke, Wesley D. Newton, Jason Orduna, Jason Rytych, Michael S. Stout, Angela Newson, John Phillips, and Joshua West to practice as certified emergency medical technicians; Brent J. Billerbeck, Jennifer S. Young, and Michael D. Burris to practice as a certified first responders. Baumgartner seconded.

Discussion: none.

Voting aye: Hakel, Dunn, Cerny, Buscher, Beins, Baumgartner, Balthazor, Snyder, Rasmussen, Olson. Voting nay: none. Absent: Doyle, Engler, Lans, Rudolph, Surber, Westcott. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

TRAUMA BOARD REPORT

There is nothing new to report at this time.

EXTRA PAIR OF HANDS ISSUE

Diane Hansmeyer stated that she received an email from Scott Hartley of ALS Affiliates regarding a concern he had on the spiking of an I/V bag by untrained personnel in the Extra Hands Guidelines that was approved by the Board at the October 19, 2006, Board of Emergency Medical Services Meeting. The Extra Hands Guidelines states that the responsibility lies with the out-of-hospital emergency care provider. If the out-of-hospital emergency care provider is going to allow an untrained person to perform a skill; they must monitor the untrained person to make sure he/she are doing the skill properly. The Board felt that the spiking of an I/V bag is going to be an activity that an out-of-hospital emergency care provider can demonstrate to an unlicensed person. It would become the out-of-hospital emergency care provider's responsibility to make sure the spiking of an I/V bag is done correctly.

END OF THE YEAR LAP REPORT

Diane Hansmeyer presented a copy of the Nebraska Licensee Assistance Program Fourth Quarter Annual Report to the Board. (Attachment D) The report lists the progress made towards statements of work goals, problems encountered, resources expended and remaining, activities planned for the next report period, summaries of new Nebraska LAP Clients, of open Nebraska LAP cases, of non-compliance reports, education and training, course evaluations, and the LAP Client Satisfaction Questionnaire. The report had graphs; however, the graphs are not for the year of 2003-2004 but are for 2005-2006. The graphs are available with the dates corrected. A person can contact the Department and they will provide the graphs for those who have interest. Hansmeyer recommended to the Board the article on "Addiction" to help broaden the Board's knowledge of chemical dependency.

ALL BOARD'S MEETING SURVEY

Diane Hansmeyer presented an All Health Care Related Board Meeting Survey to the Board. (Attachment E) Hansmeyer explained that the Board will fill the survey out as a group. The Department wants to try and get more board members to attend the All Health Care Related Board Meeting. The survey asked what topics the Board would have of interest for future meetings, season of year, day of week, location of meeting, and factors why a board member may or may not attend with suggestion to improve attendance. The Board felt some topics relating to the Uniform Licensing Law Rewrite and Discipline would be of interest; spring would allow better attendance due to weather issues and board members availability; center of Nebraska would be a better location; and Friday was more suitable because of board members employment. The Board felt the date, distance and schedule would be factors of whether they could attend the All Health Care Related Board Meeting.

SCHEDULE BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2007

The Board scheduled board meetings for 2007 as follows:

February 9, 2007
May 11, 2007
July 12, 2007 at Kearney in conjunction with EMS Summer Conference
September 28, 2007
December 14, 2007

The Board agreed to start the board meetings at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Bruce Beins, Chairperson, Adjourned the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

Earl Rudolph, Secretary